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## THE NOBLE CHARACTER

**T**HERE was a philosopher who once made the statement that a noble and God-like character is not a thing of favour or chance, but is the natural result of continued effort in right thinking, the effect of long-cherished association with God-like thought.

The building of noble characters is the most momentous calling of mankind. In this world which always appears to be embarking upon a more critical period than the last, it constantly remains the responsibility of parents to lay a virtuous foundation for the characters of the coming generation.

Civilisation today has a tendency to defer this obligation to schools, youth clubs, churches and other social institutions. However, regardless of any modernistic trends, there can be no substitute for the loving guidance of a mother and the council of a wise father. So long as parents will instruct their children by their firesides in the simple teachings of Christ, living these principles themselves as they do so, this world which we know and love, despite its apparent weaknesses, will be safe.

On this subject the scriptures are explicit: "And again, inasmuch as parents have children in Zion . . . that teach them not to understand the doctrine of repentance, faith in Christ the Son of the living God . . . the sin be upon the heads of the parents."

Continued effort and a prayerful attitude on the part of the parents is required. But the reward is great. Proverbs tell us: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

As we approach the new year it is customary to reflect upon the past and to plan for the future. As Latter-day Saints, let us continue to set the example for our children, starting them off in right thinking and, as a family unit, demonstrate to the world the joy that comes from living the Gospel principles.

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# Paying the Price

By ALMA SONNE

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THESE is a price to pay for everything worthwhile. The student pays for his education and the mechanic for his training—not only in money, but in time and effort. It has been said, "Earth gets its price for what earth gives us." In the religious world one must pay a price for spiritual values. "Seek and ye shall find," said Jesus, "knock and it shall be opened unto you." God in His mercy has provided a salvation for all men if they will give heed to His commandments and live a godly life. Salvation is the work of a lifetime. Only those who endure to the end shall be saved.

"Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." (Hebrews 5: 8-9). Obedience is the keynote in the plan of salvation. Blessings are predicated upon law. No one has faced greater difficulties than did Jesus Christ. Every worldly consideration was laid aside by Him. What He accomplished for humanity called for the supreme sacrifice—life itself. Why do people expect something for nothing? It is so contrary to every law of achievement. Yet, there are those in the world who declare that salvation comes without effort, it being inferred that man in his lowly state has no power to advance his own chances for salvation.

An elder, after preaching a sermon on the importance of good works, was handed a card on which was printed the oft-repeated Biblical quotation: "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin." It was someone's answer to the argument presented that man must strive by good works to prove his worthiness and to find the way of eternal life. As is often the case the passage from which the quotation was made was not given in its entirety. The basis upon which the statement rests was omitted. The Apostle John, its author, said: "But if

we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin." (1 John 1: 7) Walking "in the light, as he is in the light" certainly requires effort, obedience and often sacrifice of worldly pleasures and recognitions. In its proper meaning the scriptural statement does not nullify nor set aside any commandment required under the Gospel plan.

When the rich young man came to Jesus to inquire about the requirements for eternal life he was told to "keep the commandments." Having complied with those specifically outlined by the Master, he was told to manifest his sincerity and his good works by laying aside his worldly standing and aspirations and join the Lord in His ministry. The price was too high for "he had great possessions" and he went away with his heart full of sorrow and disappointment. Always there is a price to be paid, laws to be observed and something to be done. There are weaknesses to be overcome, temptations to be resisted, virtues to be practiced and sound characters to be established. There is no other way. "Heaven is not reached by a single bound, but we mount its summit round by round," expresses the philosophy which operates in the spiritual realm as well as in the temporal. Salvation is something to be achieved.

Christ's injunction to "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness" leaves no room for compromises. No provision has been made in His Church for a careless and half-hearted devotion to Gospel principles. "Ye cannot serve God and mammon," said Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. The weakness of men under the stress of social, professional and business forces constitutes the greatest drawback to spiritual growth and development. Life is a struggle towards perfection. The attainment of salvation



**Alma Sonne**

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comes to those who exercise their faith in God through righteous living and thereby overcome evil. "Demus hath forsaken me, having loved this present world," wrote the Apostle Paul in his epistle to Timothy (2 Timothy 4: 10) In these few words the great Apostle recorded the downfall and failure of a

church member and associate who had succumbed to the ways of men. Great men like Peter, Paul, Joseph Smith and Brigham Young were firm and immovable. They could neither be manipulated nor swerved from their course. The power of endurance was strong within them.

There is a price to pay for Church membership by those who desire salvation. The saints of God have often suffered reviling and persecution. They have been tested to the uttermost. They have renounced the unholy pleasures and pastimes of the world. They have been steadfast in their belief in God, in Jesus Christ, His Son, and in the Holy Ghost. They have sincerely repented of their sins and forsaken them forever. They have been baptised by immersion for the remission of those sins, and have had hands laid upon their heads for the reception of the Holy Ghost, by one having authority. They have been true to their convictions and have manifested a willingness to obey the living oracles of God and to keep the commandments revealed for their daily guidance. They have supported the Church, financially and otherwise. They have assisted in building temples and churches and in carrying the Gospel to the nations of the earth for the enlightenment of all men. They were willing to pay the price whatever the cost. Their reward is sure.

### **SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES FOR AUXILIARY ORGANISATIONS IN 1950**

THE following is the schedule which has been approved by the Mission Presidency and the Mission Auxiliary Boards for Sunday evening services to be held in all branches on the first Sunday in each month of 1950:

January 1st	-	-	-	-	Genealogy Department
February 5th	-	-	-	-	Priesthood
March 5th	-	-	-	-	Relief Society
April 2nd	-	-	-	-	Mutual Improvement Association
May 7th	-	-	-	-	Primary
June 4th	-	-	-	-	Sunday School
July 2nd	-	-	-	-	Priesthood
August 6th	-	-	-	-	Primary
September 3rd	-	-	-	-	Genealogy Department
October 1st	-	-	-	-	Mutual Improvement Association
November 5th	-	-	-	-	Relief Society
December 3rd	-	-	-	-	Sunday School

# The Christmas Quest

LONG before the Christian Church was ever heard of, people throughout the world celebrated one great festival that far overshadowed all other social activities in importance. That was the great Year Rite, the celebration of the creation of the world and the dramatisation of a plan for overcoming the bondage of death. It took place at the turn of the year when the sun, having reached its lowest point on the meridian, was found on a joyful day to be miraculously mounting again in its course; it was a day of promise and reassurance, heralding a new creation and a new age. Everywhere the great year festival was regarded as the birthday of the whole human race and was a time of divination and prophecy, marked by a feast of abundance in which all gave and received gifts as an earnest hope of good things to come.

There is plenty of evidence in the early Christian writings that Christ was born not at the solstice but in the spring, early in April. Much has been written on the shifting of his birthday celebration to make it coincide with the day of Sol Invictus, a late Romanised version of an oriental midwinter rite. In other parts of the world people had no difficulty identifying the Lord's birthday with the greatest of popular festivals. When Pope Zacharias rebuked the Germans on the Rhine for their pagan festival at midwinter, Boniface could answer him back, that if he objected to heathen feasts and games all he had to do was look around him at Rome where he would see the same feasting, drinking, and games on the same ancient holy days to celebrate the same blessed event—he was referring, of course, to the Saturnalia, the great prehistoric festival of the Romans. Our own Yule, carols, lights, greenery, gifts, and games are evidence enough that a northern Christmas is no importation from the East in Christian times but something far older.

Now there is no law of the mind

By HUGH NIBLEY, Ph.D.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE:

With Christmas still fresh in our memories, Professor Hugh Nibley, in this article especially prepared for the readers of the *Millennial Star*, gives us an interesting insight into what the world looks for in the celebration of Christmas.

that requires all men everywhere to put just one peculiar interpretation on the descent and return of the sun in its course. This complex and specialised festival, which follows so closely the same elaborate pattern in Babylonia, Egypt, Iceland, and Rome is now recognised to be no spontaneous invention of untutored minds but the remnant of a single tradition ultimately traceable to one common lost source. The essential feature of this great world festival everywhere is that it aims, if but for a few short days, to recapture the freedom, love, equality, abundance, joy, and light of a Golden Age, a dimly remembered but blessed time in the beginning when all creatures lived together in innocence without fear or enmity, when the heavens poured forth ceaseless bounty, and all men were brothers under the loving rule of the King and Creator of all. Is it at all surprising that the Christian world's celebration of the Saviour's birth should fall easily and naturally into the pattern of the older rites? In the end they are really the same thing—both are recollections of forgotten dispensations of the Gospel; both are attempts to recall an age of lost innocence and lost blessings.

Lost? Who can doubt it? There is a nostalgic sadness about Christmas, as there is about the Middle Ages, with their everlasting quest of something that has been lost. Christmas is a small light in a great darkness; it is

evidence of things not seen. It is not the real thing, but the expression of a wish, for like the great year rites of the ancients it merely dramatises what once was and what men feel they can still hope for. A brief, brave show of generosity and cheer is our assurance that earth can be fair, and we gladly join with all mankind in the gesture. In so doing we would remind the world that Christmas is both a demonstration of man's capacity for enjoying good and sharing it and of his helplessness to supply it from his own resources. The great blessings we seek at Christmas are not of our own making (the everyday world is our handiwork) but must come from another world, even as Father Christmas comes to the children as a visitor from afar. The painful fact that Christmas has an end and "all things return to their former state," is an adequate commentary on the actual state of things. The world, that denies revelation, once a year has a moment of lucidity in which men are permitted to hope; then it returns to its old disastrous routine—but because of Christmas that routine can never be the same. For men have allowed themselves to be caught off-

guard, for a brief moment they have let down the barriers and shown where their hearts really lie; Scrooge the man of business can never go back again after his Christmas fling—however ashamed he may be of it in the cold light of day it is too late to deny that he has shown Scrooge the man of the world to be but a mask and an illusion.

So the Latter-day Saints have always been the greatest advocates of the Christmas spirit; nay, they have shocked and alarmed the world by insisting on recognising as a real power what the world prefers to regard as a pretty sentiment. Where the seasonal and formal aspect of Christmas is everything it becomes a hollow mockery. If men really want what they say they do, we have it, but faced with accepting a real Saviour who has really spoken with men they draw back, nervous and ill at ease. In the end lights, tinsel, and sentimentality are safer, but a sense of possibilities still rankles, so to that we shall continue to appeal. For by celebrating Christmas the world serves notice that it is still looking for the Gospel.

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## *Leslie Cook designs new "Star" cover*

ALL of the readers of the *Millennial Star* will have noticed the New Cover of this January, 1950, issue. This striking and beautiful design was created by Leslie Cook who at present is studying at the University of London in the field of Art. Much time and talent went into the development of this design, the results of which are most attractive.

Leslie is a member of the Norwich Branch and lives in that town with his wife and baby daughter. He has taught school for some time but is now obtaining an advanced degree at the university in London.

The *Star* has benefitted from his help in many ways. The cover picture of the November issue was of his creation as well as the painting on the front of this issue. He has given some very helpful advice with regard to make-up as well. All of this labour has been completely unremunerative. Whatever request is made of his time and talents, he has been more than willing to produce with painstaking care. In his own words, "There is no greater pleasure that can come to a man than to feel that he is helping in some measure to further the work of the Lord."

Many thanks go to Leslie Cook for his numerous contributions to the *Millennial Star*.

# The Law of Tithing

By LEE A. PALMER

**O**BEDIENCE to the law of tithing is, perhaps, one of the greatest tests of man's attitude toward the will of the Lord ever imposed by divine injunction. It is strange that when a law touches upon the treasured pocketbook of man, he instinctively recoils from the mandate. Some are able to make a complete and most satisfying adjustment to the law of tithing, others debate about it, while still others, perhaps unwittingly, fan the flame of selfishness into active resistance and downright disobedience.

In fairness to all, however, let us assume that those who are not able to bring their attitudes and their actions into full conformity with the law of tithing, are not wilfully disrespectful to the will of the Lord. We will assume that they, too, would be happy to obey this divine law if they could be helped to more fully understand it. We will go along together on this premise and hope we do not err in our assumption, or appear presumptuous in these humble efforts.

## THE LORD'S RIGHT TO INSTITUTE LAW

No truly Christian heart questions the sovereignty or the justice of God. We must, therefore, concede (1) His divine and unquestionable right to institute laws; (2) the justice of His laws, and of the rewards for obedience, or the penalties for disobedience, thereto.

Therefore, God's law of tithing stands as divine and immutable:

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Malachi 3: 10)

Let us analyse the above scripture which we will consider in three parts: (1) the commandments; (2) the challenge; (3) the promise.



Lee A. Palmer

### Editor's Note:

Especially written for the *Millennial Star* is this timely article by Lee A. Palmer of the Presiding Bishopric's Office.

## THE COMMANDMENT

God gave a pointed and specific commandment, "Bring ye all the tithes." The Lord's use of the word "all" is significant. Could it have been that He suspected some members of His Church in this day, as in other dispensations, would seek to justify themselves in the payment of something less than "all the tithes"—less than one-tenth? Would He have made such a great promise except upon the basis of full compliance with the law? It would appear that we are left without an alternative in the conclusion that nothing short of "all the tithes" can satisfy the law. Surely, only the payment of "all the tithes" binds the Lord to His promise, since obedience, as He specified it, became the consideration for His commitment.

Our conclusions are supported in the revealed word of the Lord:



"I, the Lord, am bound when ye do what I say; but when ye do not what I say, ye have no promise."

(Doc. and Cov. 82: 10)

### THE CHALLENGE

Attention is now directed to the unqualified challenge—"and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts . . ." It appears evident, beyond doubt, that the Lord has in store certain blessings for us which He is very desirous that we receive. Recognising in human nature a "show me" attitude, our Heavenly Father used words we can all undersand—"prove me now herewith."

The Lord's challenge is before us. The measure of our active faith in His invitation to meet Him on the "proving grounds" will be the extent of our obedience to the law of tithing.

### THE PROMISE

The Lord's unequivocal promise to "pour you out a blessing" from the "windows of heaven," and so great a blessing "that there shall not be room enough to receive it," leaves the part-tithepayer or the non-tithepayer without a single defence. What could one possibly say to justify his indifference to a law where the rich reward for obedience is guaranteed by "the Lord of hosts"?

True, the Lord did not specify the promised blessing. However, is it not sufficient that it is promised by the Lord that it is to come from the "windows of heaven"; that its measure shall not be contained—"there shall not be room enough to receive it"? What more could one ask in exchange for simple obedience to only one of the Lord's commandments? What more could one expect?

In the light of the Lord's promise, and assuming we are acquainted with it, does not one's refusal to pay tithing, or his disposition to pay only a part tithe, constitute a lack of faith in our Heavenly Father? What else could it be? Either we have faith in His promise or we do not. And if we really have faith in it, we will keep His commandment.

How unimpeachable is the witness of one's belief in the sovereignty of God, one's faith in His justice and in the promise of the Lord, when "all the tithes" are brought "into the storehouse."

The Lord's promise made through Malachi in ancient times has a companion promise in the revealed word of the Lord in this dispensation—" . . . for he that is tithed shall not be burned at his coming." (Doc and Cov. 64: 23)

No man has yet lived to say, in truth, "The Lord does not keep His promises."

### BLESSINGS PREDICATED UPON OBEDIENCE TO LAW

Uncounted thousands in this dispensation have testified that they have received, and still receive, such blessings as could only come from the "windows of heaven," in fulfilment of the Lord's promises, through the payment of an honest tithe—such blessings as must be denied both the non-tithepayer and the part-tithepayer unless they repent and obey. "Must be denied"? Yes, except they are able to bring themselves into compliance with the law, since—

"There is a law, irrevocably decreed in heaven before the foundations of this world, upon which all blessings are predicated—

"And when we obtain any blessing from God, it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicated." (Doc. and Cov. 130: 20-21)

Therefore, where there is no "obedience to that law upon which . . . (the blessing) is predicated," there can be no blessing. In the absence of obedience, "ye have no promise."

### PAYMENT OF TITHING IS VOLUNTARY

Whether one's tithing is paid, is a decision each of us must make for himself—he is on his own. He may pay it in full, in part, or he may ignore it altogether.

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# Message from the *Mission* *Presidency*

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“Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, sayeth the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”

(Malachi 3: 8-10)

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**F**ROM the beginning of recorded history, according to the word of the Lord we have been commanded to pay our tithes and offerings. Why do you think this commandment was given unto us? It was given that we might benefit by observing it.

Our Heavenly Father could undoubtedly provide for all of our tem-

poral wants without any help from ourselves but if He did so we would lose the blessings which come from sincere sacrifice. In paying our tithing we acknowledge the goodness of God unto us to the extent that we admit that all we have is given of Him, and in return give Him a tithe of our increase. There is also a deep sense of satisfaction when we obey any commandment of the Lord. This particularly applies to the law of tithing.

Remember, tithing is the means whereby we can give part of the fruit of our labours for the upbuilding of the Church upon the earth. Since we live in a material world we need material things to support the work. Paying out tithing teaches us to be liberal and unselfish. The Saviour said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have always been taught to keep out of debt in their dealings with their fellow men. How much more important is it then, to avoid being in debt with our Heavenly Father? At the beginning of another year let us make a firm resolve that we will not be found wanting.

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WILLIAM O. CHIPPING.

## **BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY DISCONTINUES SCHOLARSHIPS**

**N**OTICE has been received by the Mission President from the president of the Brigham Young University that all scholarships from Great Britain to that institution have been discontinued.

# Developing Interest in Work

By VENNOR J. MEACHAM

IT has been said that work is the greatest blessing given to mankind. Since the time that Adam was cast out of the Garden of Eden, it has been the lot of man to "Eat bread by the sweat of his brow." He has had to work to obtain the necessities he needs and the luxuries he desires.

Man has known for a long time that all he got for nothing was nothing. To obtain anything worthwhile requires work and thought on our part. The conditions under which we live on this earth make it absolutely necessary that we work, whether we like it or not, to obtain even the barest essentials to keep us alive. We must have at least food, clothing and shelter.

We get no more out of our work than we put into it. Our daily tasks are dull and tedious or interesting and challenging depending upon the amount of interest we have in and put into our daily work. Our aim should be to accomplish the tasks better and to exceed the goals set for us by others as well as ourselves.

A man was hired as a street sweeper by a certain city and was given a broom and a cart with which he was required to sweep both sides of the street for so many blocks. It was dirty and tedious work. At times it was very unpleasant for the heat of the summer sun made him hot and sweaty and the winter wind made him shiver with cold. He began thinking how he might do his job better, easier, faster and in a more pleasant way. He built a machine with rotating brushes which he attached to a truck. Now it took him only a very short time to accomplish the same amount of work that he had spent long hours doing. He then demonstrated his machine to the city officials and obtained a contract to sweep many miles of the city's streets. A manufacturing firm became interested and began making machines of his design and with the royalties he became well-to-do.

We have received a specific commandment from the Lord that we are not to be idle, for there is no place in the Church for the idler. We are to work with our hands as well as with our heads. The idler shall not eat the bread or wear the garment of the labourer.

Latter-day Saints are expected to give full value in time and energy in return for agreed compensation. Success demands that so much effort be put forth in acquiring skills and technical knowledge. To achieve success quicker, added effort is necessary. To do a little more than your duty and what is expected of you gains a valuable reputation and better opportunities for monetary return as well as position. Efficiency plays an important part in our world today. It has become necessary to produce faster and still keep, or improve, the quality in order to cope with competitors.

Most important is the attitude of the individual towards his work. If he has no interest, he must develop it, either by changing to what he is interested in or becoming interested by sheer force of will.

*Mission Relief Society Presidency  
commends Members for their . . .*

## Unselfish Contributions

**F**OR many years the Relief Society has been in need of a building where the numerous activities and responsibilities of this world organisation could be coordinated. Some time ago plans were laid out for the construction of the building and the tremendous task of raising over half a million dollars was begun. This was probably the biggest single project which this organisation has ever undertaken.

Since all Relief Societies throughout the world have sent in their contributions, we felt it only proper that the British Relief Society sisters should have the opportunity to do likewise. Nine months ago a letter suggesting that branch sisters contribute towards a gift for the new building was sent out by the mission board.

From the very first the response was most gratifying. Every sister felt the urge to give their share to the building, although a great many will never see it. As the money poured into our office in a manner that was far beyond our expectations, the advisability of spending so much money on a gift, as was originally intended, was questioned by the mission board. Letters were written to the general board and their advice was sought and followed. It was decided to use the money for furnishing the new building when completed.

In all £530 has been turned over to the general board to be used for this purpose as the contribution of the British Mission towards this great project. It is interesting to note that in the collection of this large sum no special amount was asked of the sisters; their contributions were entirely voluntary.

In order to reach the true objective of this work it was necessary that the



**President Gladys Boyer of the British Mission Relief Societies hands to Secretary Lorraine Moss the cheque for the Building Fund to be sent to the General Board in Salt Lake**

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contributions be given in a spirit of love from which blessing would be poured out upon the sisters. As members of the mission board we can truly say that there has been great blessings derived from the unselfish donations of each branch. A greater unity within the individual branches has been noticed. In addition each member has gained a sharp realisation that they are a part of a great international organisation, the oldest women's organisation now in existence.

We feel as President Belle S. Spafford did when she said, "I am confident that those who have gone before us are today rejoicing with us, for this building programme is not ours alone; it belongs to the past and it will belong to the future. In this magnificent achievement the women of this day have kept faith with the noble women

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# EUROPEAN and BRITISH MISSION PRESIDENTS RELEASED

**T**HIS month from the office of the First Presidency comes word of the releases of President Alma Sonne from his assignment of presiding over the European Mission and President Selvoy J. Boyer from his post as president of the British Mission. Both are expected to return home some time in February.

In conjunction with the release of President Sonne the adoption of a new procedure for supervision of the European Mission has been announced by the First Presidency. In the future this mission will be toured at intervals by members of the general authorities under assignment from the First Presidency and the Council of the Twelve, and they will return to Salt Lake City upon completion of their visits.

President Sonne has been presiding over the European Mission for the past three years, taking over the Mission in 1946 from Elder Ezra Taft Benson of the Council of the Twelve. His headquarters has been in London. From there he has supervised the activities of the Missions in Great Britain, South Africa and on the continental Europe, including the Czechoslovakian, Danish, East German, Finnish, French, Netherlands, Norwegian, Palestine-Syrian, Swedish, Swiss-Austrian and West German Missions.

Accompanying President Sonne during the past three-and-a-half years and taking an active leadership in the Relief Societies and other women's auxiliaries of the European Mission has been Mrs. Sonne. They have toured extensively throughout Europe during their period of presidency.

President Boyer took over the presidency of the British Mission from Hugh B. Brown in May of 1946. Since that time he has travelled frequently from one end of the British Isles to the other holding special meetings, presiding over district conferences and directing the activities of some 200 missionaries. In addition to these responsibilities he has directed the activities of the branches and auxiliary groups.

Mrs. Boyer has accompanied President Boyer during the past four years and has directed the activities of the British Mission Relief Societies as their president.

The First Presidency has named to preside over the British Mission President Stayner Richards of Salt Lake City who has been president of the Highland Stake in that city since 1937. President Richards will be accompanied by his wife and is expected to arrive in Great Britain early in February.

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of the past by opening the way whereby their dream may be brought to fruition. They have nobly and generously fulfilled the great special assignment given to the women of this day, making possible a lasting memorial to the women of this Church. They have set a worthy pattern of loyalty and obedience for Relief Society women of the future, and those who follow after them will remember their efforts and

bless them for what they have done."

The British Mission can be proud of the efforts which have been put forth and for the spirit of love in which the contributions were given. For this the blessings can already be observed. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all of those, individually and collectively, who have shared in the good work.

GLADYS BOYER,  
MAUD HAWKES,  
CONSTANCE CHIPPING

*The fruits of a missionary's labours oftentimes remain obscure. Here is a non-member who writes about how he has been influenced by a missionary, whom at his door one day he met and later became a close friend.*

## “I Knew a Mormon”

By CHARLES W. IRVING

I DID not know his age then, and after all these years it has all but slipped my memory now. He was young, yes, like most missionaries—apparently somewhere between twenty-five and thirty. But, then, I imagine he is probably much younger now, in spirit, than he seemed to be all those dozen or more years ago.

His first letter sent to my London home after his return to Salt Lake is dated August 12th, 1935. Fourteen years ago! Allow me to quote from that letter:

“I'm home again. The old solid hills are here. The heat is here. Old friends are here. But I looked through a book of photos of London yesterday, and I got a thump in the heart.” And towards the end he wrote: “One paragraph in your letter, Charles, went home with particular force . . . ‘Above all things, please do not grow hardened—altogether. It is extraordinarily difficult not to do so. It requires great moral courage to face life with grace and intelligence, rather than with mere tough nerves.’ I can sincerely thank you for those words. You have crystallised a lot of vague ideas that were running around in my head. I have come to love fine-mannered people of real grace and intelligence, and to dislike the sham of self-shouting bravado. I want to face life squarely—gracefully and intelligently. I know it requires moral courage. I'm praying for that courage.”

To continue, I cannot recall when first we met, nor how we parted. What seems more to the point now is the gist of many of our conversations. “What motivates this man?” he would say (meaning me of course) as though talking to himself. “He does not smoke, and lives largely according to the ‘Chosen Way of Life’—and yet appar-

ently believes in nothing. A thinker without a thought; an idealist without one basic fundamental. Surely, it's not done!”

Even after I had written an explanatory article for the *Star* he did not say it, but rather gave the impression that he was as wise then as before I had started. Nevertheless an intangible bond—far truer than any spoken one—was established between us. And assuredly the very words I pen now are the living proof of it, that neither wars nor blackouts nor bombs can dull the faith of those who want to remember—after fourteen years.

In reminiscing there are several of his characteristics which stand out in my mind. He never asked a directly personal question nor did he assume that one should be familiar with American ways of thought. When he laughed outright, which seemed not often, it was never with the all-too-common cruelty, but rather with an indefinable sense of pathos. When he spoke from the platform it was with the air of a whimsical droll, yet charged with the melancholy of all the ages. His gestures were several, yet rarely emphatic. To me his general stance was slightly awkward, his inspiration humble and homely, yet divine—as unlike any American I had ever seen. The overtones to his voice inevitably set me thinking—why I don't know—of all the tragedy that men have suffered to become what they are now. Little did he know then, little could I have known, of all the tragedy that was yet in store so that men could become what they are today.

It was indeed for me his most enduring—  
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# The Children's Page

By IDA MOCKLI

Even I, a little child,  
May help someone today.  
I can make my parents glad  
If quickly I obey.

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## RIDDLE:

I went in the woods and found It.  
After I found It I looked for It.  
The longer I looked for It, the less  
I liked It.

I went home with It in my hand  
Because I couldn't find it.

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## WHAT'S IN THE BAG?

**A**N old man tottered down a dark street. His long beard was as white as the snow that fell upon it. Flung across the man's back was a huge, bulging bag.

"Old man, what is in your sack?" called a group of children on their way home from a New Year's Eve party.

The man put down his load, looked at the children for a moment, and then answered, "Something I do not want to show you. Something you will not like to see."

"Oh, but we do want to see it," they chorused as they crowded about him.

Little Emily who was nearest him saw the deep wrinkles in his cheeks and brow. She forgot the bag for a moment. "You are older," she observed tactfully. "What makes you look so sad? Who are you? I think I've seen your picture somewhere!"

"Yes, I suppose you have," he answered. "I'm the old year on my way to the Land of Yesterdays."

"But the bag!" cried Johnny, "you haven't shown us what is in the bag."

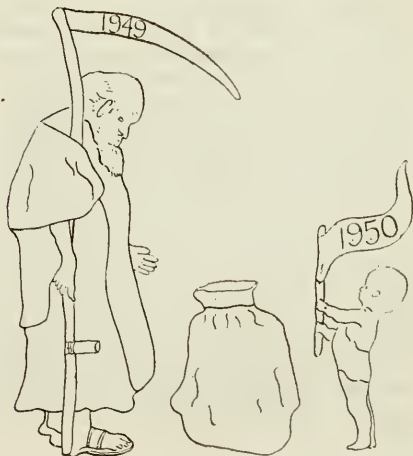
"Something you put there." The old man pointed a finger at Johnny, and then to each child in turn. The chil-

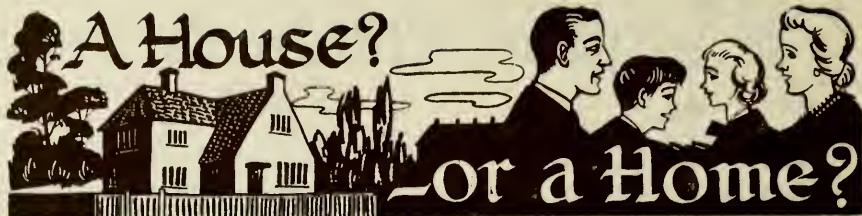
dren drew back, frightened at his stern voice. "In this bag are all your cross words, all your bad thoughts, all your unkind actions."

"But surely I haven't put any bad things in your bag," began Emily. "I try to be good, and only this morning I heard mother tell daddy that I hadn't spoken a cross word for ages. I—," but very suddenly her words trailed off into silence. She was remembering a day last summer, when she had scolded her baby brother. She could still see the look of hurt surprise on the baby's tearful face. Emily was a very honest little girl. She looked the old man straight in the eye. "I suppose you do have something of mine in that bag after all."

Ronald scratched his head. "I can't think of one mean thing I've done." He looked smugly around the circle of little faces until he came to Horace, a thin, pale little fellow, much smaller than he. Wasn't it only last week he had pinched Horace and then denied doing anything? Ronald saw that both the old man and Horace were now looking at him very seriously. "I'm

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BETTY thought the kitchen  
 Was a place of toil and gloom.  
 She hated pots and dish cloths  
 And the sight of mop and broom.  
 'Till she bought a red geranium  
 And set it on the sill,  
 And hung a little curtain  
 With a crisp and perky frill,  
 And a saucy, shining kettle  
 With a whistle shrill and gay.  
 And now she goes about her work  
 And sings the live-long day.

—Viola Perry Wagner.

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WE find that in homemaking the  
 success comes in little things,  
 —making routine tasks more  
 enjoyable; planning something new  
 and different for a birthday, holiday,  
 or even for afternoon tea; and partici-  
 pating in a mutual project such as a  
 home evening or a “surprise” for an-  
 other member of the family. But  
 above all, success will be accomplished  
 primarily through the example you,  
 Homemaker, set by the spirit in which  
 you work.

The wise homemaker will not make  
 herself a slave to her family. She  
 should give responsibility to all mem-  
 bers in a way that each will feel im-  
 portant and needed within the family  
 group. You'll be surprised how clever  
 you can be in making your household  
 a part of your profession. One woman  
 I know, whenever she had a chore for  
 her daughter of six years, set the  
 alarm clock for the time when the job  
 must be finished. Like most children,  
 she was a dawdler, but loved to beat  
 the clock, so finished her task in a  
 hurry. My mother taught me to sing  
 alto while we washed dishes. I seldom  
 realised we were doing dishes, so en-  
 grossed was I in learning “part sing-  
 ing.”

By LORAIN MOSS

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As another new year comes into be-  
 ing, may each homemaker resolve to  
 make this greatest of all professions  
 the most successful ever.

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#### HANDY HINTS

A sink plunger makes an excellent  
 guide when you're marking a hem line  
 for another person. The plunger will  
 stand alone, leaving your hands free to  
 pin or mark.

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Make washable shoulder pads out of  
 a rubber sponge cut to the desired  
 shape and thickness. These pads dry  
 quickly and don't become lumpy.

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When mending a large hole in a  
 sweater, reinforce the hole with net.  
 This forms a good foundation for  
 darning and will prevent puckering.

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Inch marks made with nail polish on  
 your knitting needles are a handy  
 measure.

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Bubbling juice from berry pies won't  
 overflow during baking if you cut  
 drinking straws in thirds and insert  
 them in the slits in the top crust.

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#### SUGGESTED SANDWICH FILLINGS:

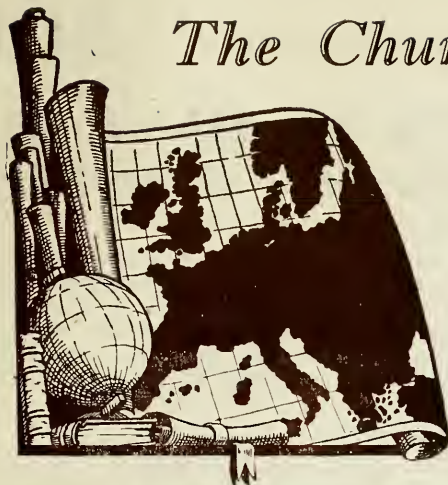
1. Grate cheese; moisten with con-  
 densed milk; add chopped pickle.
2. Grind left-over roast with pickle.
2. Mince left-over roast with pickle.  
 Moisten with mayonnaise.
3. Mash baked beans; add chopped  
 celery and pickle. Moisten with  
 mayonnaise.

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# The Church in Europe

By WM. FLINT DICKSON  
European Mission Secretary



## FIVE DUTCH CHAPELS DEDICATED.

—Commencing Sunday, December 4th, President Sonne dedicated one chapel per day for five days in the Netherlands Mission. This was the largest "assembly-line" dedication to take place in any mission in Europe. For a number of years the Latter-day Saints in the Netherlands Mission have been meeting in small and crowded halls. The war made matters worse for some of the regular places and one chapel were destroyed by bombings. With the return of the missionaries and the revival of the branches and new growth springing up everywhere it became apparent that if the work was to continue new places of worship had to be provided. President Zappey of the Netherlands Mission, with a keen eye for bargains and much experience in real-estate, set out to relieve what he considered a bad condition. At first his efforts seemed to be blocked, but with the patience of Job and a winning personality and faith in his desires to get new and better places in which the people could meet to worship, he soon found the way opened whereby he could secure adequate places in several cities. The next step was to obtain the approval of President Sonne and the General Authorities of the Church. This approval was forthcoming and then it was just a matter of time to renovate and remodel the buildings.

The largest and first chapel to be dedicated was in Leeuwarden. Over two hundred and eighty were present to witness the dedicatory service. The entire city was aware of the new chapel and the local press made favourable comments. In Zutphen, Hilversum, The Hague and Haarlem the chapels were crowded to the doors and in Haarlam the large crowd extended into the recreation hall where they heard the service over the public address system. Investigators, as well as the members, in every branch helped in various ways to make the chapels beautiful. The chapel in Leeuwarden was at one time a garage owned by a man who has since joined the Church and emigrated to Salt Lake City since he was first approached by Presidents Sonne and Zappey. The Haarlam chapel was a former saloon, but due to intelligent planning and modernising it now has the appearance of a holy place and even the saloon keeper turned out to the dedication and was so impressed he said he was coming back to hear more. In all places members, friends and investigators were pleased and elated with the new chapels. President Sonne expressed his attitude with, "I wish every branch could have a chapel such as this."

## PUBLICITY THROUGH SOUTH

**AFRICAN WEEKLY.**—The "Outspan," South Africa's largest weekly publication, recently carried a several-page article with pictures on "Who are the Mormons?" This article gives the Mormon point of view, for it was written by Evan P. Wright, President of the South African Mission. President Wright just recently completed a 5,000 mile tour of the mission with his counsellors and reports that the mission is attaining a greater degree of progress than ever before.

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## *The Responsibility lies with Society's Basic Unit*

**A** NEW YEAR is dawning. Although there is no apparent difference between this and any other new year, the fact that we are embarking upon the second half of the 20th century compels us to stop, if only for a moment, and reflect—perhaps upon the rapid passage of time, or upon the changes that have occurred in men's lives during the past 50 years, or possibly upon the unsettled condition of the world.

For nearly 6,000 years man has been confronted with periods of progression, stagnation and, at times, retrogression. Today we find ourselves completely enwrapped in an age of unprecedented progress, far surpassing even the wildest dreams of our grandfathers. However, amongst this tremendous technical and scientific knowledge which the world is consuming daily, it is a significant paradox that in the field of human relations and spirituality there has been a conspicuous absence of improvement. It is apparent that man's happiness has not increased conjointly with the rapid rise in the standard of living among nations.

With all of the benefits that the modern world offers, many of which are directed toward providing happiness for the individual and bettering human understanding, we find the 1950 man is just as discontent with himself, just as maladjusted to his neighbour and his surroundings, as any of his great- or great-great-grandfathers.

It is one thing, and a very easy one at that, to recognise that something is wrong but it is another matter indeed to discover wherein the trouble is rooted, and it is still a further problem to overcome the disclosed difficulty. There is no intention in these few paragraphs to solve these weighty problems, but perhaps we can point out the source of much of the trouble, the solution of which rests with the individual.

The happy man is the one who can associate in harmony with his fellow men and with his surroundings. This ability does not generally come as a gift. It must be cultivated. This cultivation must begin at an early age. From the first time that a person comes into contact with society, he must be instructed in those principles which will lead him to happiness. The family group, which by its very nature is the basic unit of society, must assume this responsibility.

The importance of family relationship cannot be overestimated. As a Church we realise and teach that here lies the success or failure of civilisation. Nowhere in the world is the sacredness of marriage and the family magnified more than

among the Latter-day Saint people. A generation that is brought forth lacking the moral teachings of Christ, void of the needed faith in God and man due to deficient home training, will slowly decay. This decay will be readily seen in the individual and in the life of the whole community.

The simple faith that is needed for a firm belief in God does not imply a blind faith nor an inferior intellect. This simplicity gives to us the power to believe and know of God's existence although explanation of all things are not open to us. At an early age the child can and must be taught this humility by the parents. In this way a code of living can be instilled within the child which will never leave him and which will give to him joy and contentment.

An equal responsibility of the parents is to prepare the child for his later life by endowing him with a faith in his fellow men—teaching him a respect for their rights and freedom. This faith is a prerequisite to true happiness and individual achievement in this life.

The counsel of the scriptures and the Church leaders concerning the family relations is given with these responsibilities in mind. When it is advised that the family should engage in a home evening one night a week, in daily family prayers and in attendance at church services as a family group where possible, it is not done without purpose. Each of these things will aid the family in its objective.

Unity of thought and spirit can never be obtained in society unless the family is able to accomplish these things. Family unity and love should be to each member a most cherished possession. I once heard a father reprove his son for engaging in a public tussle with his younger brother. "There should be loyalty, understanding and love within our family," said the father. "You must learn to stand up for your brother and the rest of the family. If you can't think of something good to say about them, it is better that you say nothing. You have weaknesses also. Do you want your own brother spreading your faults to others? He is in a good position to see and know of them."

This little talk made a marked impression upon the young lad's mind. Surely it is good advice for all families. By extending this attitude towards all people we can arrive at the true spirit of brotherhood for which the world is so much in need. It must, however, commence with the family.

There is an ancient proverb which tells us that if there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the society. If there is order in the society there will be peace in the world. "Set thine house in order," is the brief advice of the Lord to Hezekiah in the days of Isaiah. If this is done, the blessings will be upon us, our children and the community in which we live.

HUGH S. WEST



# World Church News



**HUGE AUDIENCE ACCLAIMS EXTRAVAGANZA.** — In Los Angeles, California, screen, radio and stage stars and Inglewood Stake performers joined hands to present a five-hour benefit show patronised by 7,000 appreciative supporters. This benefit programme was presented to raise money for the welfare activities in the stake and Southern California Region. More than 6,500 tickets were sold and the final receipts totalled \$14,890 net. Perhaps few money-raising entertainments in the history of the Church ever matched the sum raised in this show. It was held in the Shrine Auditorium, the largest auditorium in Los Angeles.

Many "stars" received scrolls for achievements in their chosen fields. To mention a few, there were Laraine Day, Edgar Bergan and Charlie McCarthy, Charles Coburn, Gary Cooper, William Farnum, and many others. Laraine Day and her husband, Leo Durocher, acted as mistress and master of ceremonies for the show. The benefit was staged and directed by Robert M. Hafter, a leading producer of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

**THICKEST MAGAZINE YET.**—Under a beautiful cover painted especially for the occasion by the artist, Arnold Friberg, the December centennial edition of "The Instructor" is believed to be the largest magazine ever published by the Deseret Sunday School Union. The 104 pages are devoted to past and present history of the Sun-

day School, and a look to the future of the Churchwide auxiliary.

**PRESIDENT SMITH DEDICATES NEW DEAF BRANCH.** — President George Albert Smith recently, in an impressive meeting, dedicated the beautiful new Deaf Branch chapel in Salt Lake City. This was a climax to a year of waiting and preparation. During the meeting four young girls, members of the branch, acted as interpreters. The two songs and addresses were interpreted from the sign language into sound or from sound into the sign language. Though it has existed as a fully-organised independent branch only for the past year, this organisation has been serving the deaf people for 30 years under the direction of President Willard E. Barlow.

**CHINESE MISSION PRESIDENT GETS "TOUGHEST JOB".**— Engaged in the "toughest assignment of his career," President Hilton A. Robertson of the newly created Chinese Mission reports that some progress is being made and all is well.

He writes in the Church News Section: "As for the news you will have to wait until we can make some, which I hope will not be too long as we are anxiously trying to make chips fly. This is the toughest assignment I have ever had, having no knowledge of the language, no members, neither friends nor literature excepting the Bible and that neither of us can read, not even Brother Aki. Then to help matters out, there is a big war just over the back fence.

With this tenseness in the minds of those who might be interested ordinarily in our message, it is very hard to do much until conditions change.

# BRITISH MISSION

## *Arrivals and Assignments*

The following missionaries arrived in the British Isles on November 29th, 1949:

Name	Home	Assigned District
Elder Dean Hansen Seely	St. Anthony, Idaho	Welsh
Elder Osear Leonard Rider	Blackfoot, Idaho	Liverpool
Elder Norman James Montgomery	Huntsville, Utah	Newcastle
Elder Frank Edwin Jacobsen	Salt Lake City, Utah	Leeds
Elder James Moyer Grow	Huntsville, Utah	Manchester
Elder Viri Ross Nuttall	Ephraim, Utah	London
Elder Gordon Ell Sloan	Cardston, Alberta, Canada	Newcastle
Elder Charles Francis McGuire	Heber, Utah	London
Elder Douglas Alexander Wallae	Portland, Oregon	Birmingham
Elder Dean Dorian Carroll	Salt Lake City, Utah	London
Elder Glen Wesley Vanee	Mesa, Arizona	Manchester
Elder Raymond Sterling Kellis	Mesa, Arizona	Liverpool

The following missionaries arrived from the Czechoslovakian Mission and were assigned to labour in the British Mission on December 6th, 1949:

Name	Home	Assigned District
Elder Warren George Astin	Salt Lake City, Utah	Nottingham
Elder Edwin Blackhurst Morrell	Salt Lake City, Utah	Birmingham
Elder Clarence Leon Serrine	Mesa, Arizona	Birmingham
Elder Alan Francis Sperry	Salt Lake City, Utah	Liverpool

## *Releases*

The following missionaries were released as missionaries to the British Mission on December 1st:

Name	Field of Labour (Districts)
Elder Vernon C. Young	Scottish,* Welsh*
Elder Willis A. Robinson	Scottish
Elder Ernest M. W. Jones	Welsh
Elder James H. Gilbert	Nottingham
Sister Jennie S. Gilbert	Nottingham
Sister Beth Swainston	London, Birmingham, Scottish

The following missionaries were released as missionaries to the British Mission on December 10th:

Name	Field of Labour (Districts)
Elder Andre C. Anastasiou	Irish, Liverpool, London
Elder Michael Barclay	London
Elder Jonathan Bennett	Birmingham
Elder Edgar M. Gardner	Liverpool, Millennial Chorus
Elder Reed A. Benson	Nottingham, London, Newcastle †
Elder Harold E. Brough	Nottingham
Sister Louisa W. Brough	Nottingham

\*President of District

† Supervising Elder of District

Elder William O. Chipping was released as a missionary to the British Mission on November 30th. Elder Chipping laboured on a special assignment.

Sister Thelma Green was released as a missionary to the British Mission on December 22nd. Sister Green laboured in the Norwich and London Districts.

## *Appointments and Transfers*

The following district transfers of missionaries have recently occurred:

Name	From (District)	To (District)	Date
Elder Merrill R. Balls	Newcastle	Birmingham	November 30th
Elder Norville Craven	Leeds	Nottingham	November 19th
Elder David G. Kurr	Sheffield	Nottingham	November 28th

Elder Harold M. Dougal was appointed supervising elder of the Newcastle District on the 17th of December.

## *District Activities*

### **BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT** Reported by Florence Blackman

Halloween socials and dances have been a primary activity of the M.I.A.'s November activities in Kidderminster, Northampton and Wolverhampton. Each had its own version of the chamber of horrors. Dancing, games and refreshments made up enjoyable evenings.

The Junior Girls of the Birmingham Branch have had a very active month. They have performed two circuits and helped in the M.I.A. concert and Sunday School pageant. They are certainly finding their time full and happy.

The Birmingham Branch M.I.A. gave a concert after Union Meeting this month. This was preceded by a sale of work by the Relief Society

sisters. They raised £18 towards their contribution for the Building Fund. The Sunday School Christmas party was held on December 11th in Birmingham. The food was plentiful and delicious and all the children received a gift.

In Nuneaton fifty members and friends attended an excellent M.I.A. and Relief Society social on November 2nd in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Linnett and family who are emigrating to America.

A reorganisation of the Nuneaton Branch has been made. Elder Grant R. Hardy has been sustained as branch president. Other assignments are: Kenneth F. Bennett, Sunday School superintendent; Sister Virginia Booth, Relief Society president; Elder Hatch, Y.M.M.I.A. president; Winnie Lees, Y.W.M.I.A. president; and Marjorie

Dyke, Genealogical chairman and Star reporter.

After District Union meeting the Kidderminster Branch put on a fine variety show.

A very fine time was had at the M.I.A. social which was held at Wolverhampton on the last week of November. The M.I.A. went to great expense to have the mind-reading artistes, Elders Shelton and Holland, perform some acts that we were unable to solve. Mervyn Grew was awarded the grand prize of the evening after proving that there is skill needed in bobbing for apples.

### **BRISTOL DISTRICT**

Reported by Derwin J. Orgill

On October 28th over 100 people attended the Halloween carnival ball held at the Liberal Hall, Stroud. The dance was sponsored by the Stroud Branch M.I.A. The decorations were an important part of the occasion; witches, black cats, owls and bats decorated the walls and stage and flowers in abundance were arranged in every possible place. The floor was strewn with straw to give the impression of a barn. The dance was opened with a grand march. Spot dance prizes were won by Miss Shirley Wheatley and her partner. The ladies' fancy dress prize went to Mrs. Alice Halliday.

During the past month several socials and dances have been held by the Cheltenham M.I.A., most notable event being a dance held on December 3rd, when the sum of £6 was raised for branch funds.

The Cheltenham Branch has now taken up temporary quarters for all meetings at the Whaddon Community Centre. Since the recent move to Whaddon, investigators have been on the increase.

The Bournemouth Branch was re-organised on November 13th and sustained as the new branch president was Elder Derwin J. Orgill with Elder George Mitton as branch clerk and Sunday School superintendent.

Approximately fifty-five members and investigators gathered together in Bournemouth on December 4th to hear President Selvoy J. Boyer address a special public meeting. Sister Boyer, Elder Orgill and District President R.

D. Lambert also spoke. Numbers were rendered by an Elders' chorus and a vocal duet was given by two of the missionaries.

The Bristol Relief Society commenced their winter session with a bang by sponsoring a special Thanksgiving dinner on November 28th. A programme of music and games followed the big feast. Everyone present was well-satisfied with the party.

Just recently John Willoughby was sustained as Genealogical chairman of the Bournemouth Branch.

### **HULL DISTRICT**

Reported by Betty Pashby

On Saturday afternoon, October 29th, the Primary held a Jumble Sale. The "bargains" were all found within a very short time and a grand sum of £5:8:0 was made.

Dressed in the traditional orange and black, the Hull Branch recreation room looked fine for the Halloween Party on October 31st. Fifty people enjoyed the programme of games and dancing. Also there were several novelties, among which was a play presented by Elder Roberts which made everyone roar with laughter. Mock "fortune telling" and "fishing" were additional features.

Sunday evening, November 6th, was set apart for the Relief Society. Musical solos were rendered by Sister Griffiths. Unfortunately, due to bad weather, the attendance at a Relief Society social and bazaar on Saturday, November 12th, was not as good as it could have been. However, £2:10:0 was raised which was encouraging.

A "bunch of kids" with ages ranging from seven to thirteen put on a show which would have put the adults to shame. This took place at the Sunday School bazaar and concert. Ann Utley played the "recorder" and President Allen M. Swan rendered a piano solo. Brother George Utley entertained the group with a sketch done entirely in mime. In addition two plays and several individual items helped to make the evening a success. The grand sum of £5:15:0 was made.

Under the direction of Sister Guest a fine Sunday evening service was prepared by the Sunday School on December 4th.



In Grimsby the record shows a very busy two months. On October 26th a Halloween night was held in the Branch.

Games started the evening off, after which there was a show. The main event of the evening was a ghost story by Mary Sutton. The room was in total darkness; shrieks and mysterious noises made the story even more spooky.



With the purpose in mind of raising funds for the Sunday School, a very enjoyable supper and social evening was held at the home of Florence Hammond. Marvis Oxley lead the games. On November 18th another social was held in the Grimsby Branch under the direction of the Sunday School. The highlight of the evening's entertainment was a mock wedding which had everybody overcome with laughter. Another highlight of the month was a Relief Society bazaar and a farewell social combined. The bazaar was conducted under the direction of President Clara Tartellion. Later on the same evening a farewell social was held in the Grimsby Branch in honour of Mr. Frank Hammond and Robert Hammond who were leaving for America.

The Grimsby M.I.A. has been re-organised with Marjorie Smith as M.I.A. president, Gladis Quickfall as first counsellor, Mary Kingswood as second counsellor and Joan Hammond as secretary-treasurer. The Y.W.M.I.A. will be run conjointly under one presidency.

## IRISH DISTRICT

Many and varied have been the activities in the Irish District since the reporter last wrote to the *Millennial Star*. First let us go to Dublin where the branch has been a regular beehive of activity. The M.I.A. under the direction of Mr. Michael McAleer and Mrs. Pat Richardson has certainly been making great strides. A good example of this is in the Social held November 30th at which thirty-eight were in attendance. This is no mean number considering the size of the branch and the infancy of the M.I.A. The programme was indeed a variety

show in which nearly everyone took part. Refreshments furnished the climax for this very pleasant evening.

This is by no means the only activity of which the Dublin Branch can boast. Saturday evenings in the hall at 29 Clare Street a social and dance brings the friends and investigators together where everyone takes part and enjoys himself. Elders Scott and Bowcut are in a great measure responsible for the success of this programme. These elders have also organised a basketball team as part of the M.I.A. This marks a real achievement, as I believe it is the first organised among the branch membership of the Mission.

While reporting activities, let us not neglect the more sober vein. Dublin Branch conference was held on the 6th of November. District President Melvin M. Fillerup presided and Branch President Robert Lynn conducted. Representatives of the various auxiliaries reported and timely messages were given by President Fillerup and Elder Sagers, district M.I.A. supervisor.

Let us now go to the Belfast Branch and report on their many activities. Special mention goes to the Relief Society under the able direction of Mrs. Turner and her counsellors for their very successful Halloween costume ball held Halloween night. Pirates, policeman, Chinese, Red Indians, cowboys, Japanese, Britannia, "Buttons and Bows," gypsies, The Maharajah, ballerina dancer, nurses, "spivs" and



a host of others were among the witches, bats and coal black cats in attendance.

The youth of the Belfast Branch make no end of delightful activities for themselves. They are now holding fireside gatherings Sunday evening following Sacrament Meeting which are indeed an inspiration to attend. It is indeed a joy to see the effects of the Gospel light in the lives of these people.

## LEEDS DISTRICT Reported by Norah Stephenson

Just a brief report on some of the activity for October. The Dewsbury

Relief Society held their yearly bazaar on October 22nd. It was a great success and in the evening several items were arranged including a play "That Piece of Silk." On October 16th the first fireside of the season was held at the home of Miss Joan Day. At this time the officers were nominated. Three fireside meetings have been held since. The lessons have proved very interesting. Topics of discussion have included the Pearl of Great Price, temple work and the three degrees of glory.

A Halloween party was held in the Bradford recreation hall on October 29th. The Halifax and Dewsbury M.I.A.'s sponsored the party and the spook-alley was well cared for by the missionaries.

Both the Halifax and Bradford Relief Societies held their yearly bazaars in November.

Pontefract is a town with ruins that Cromwell had a hand in knocking about a bit in days gone by. The Leeds District missionaries decided they must visit this historic place. Many sites of interest were taken in, including the Old Hall and the Castle were seen with their old tombs and dungeons. When they reached Mrs. Schofield's for tea they were nearly worn out from the walk and some actually looked as though Cromwell had been knocking them about a bit. To round off an interesting day, there was a social and sale of work held which was sponsored by the Relief Society. This proved to be most enjoyable and quite profitable.

It seems as though the eleven missionaries of the district have been having a hectic time. On November 23rd they celebrated Thanksgiving Day at Leeds by having a tournament of darts and table tennis. Later they went to the home of Mrs. Wild who had a large delicious meal prepared. From there they visited a cinema, followed by attendance at the Leeds M.I.A.

On November 26th a district Primary social was held in the Bradford recreation hall. Twenty-four acts were put on by the children, followed by refreshments. The play, "Aunt Madge," presented by Miss Barbara Walker and Miss Vera Firth was given before approximately 60 adults while at the same time 50 children enjoyed a film-show upstairs.

## LIVERPOOL DISTRICT Reported by Ruth Peel

On November 12th a very successful sale of work, social and dance was held by the Nelson Branch Relief Society.

Elder Harland Y. Hammond succeeds Elder Mervin R. Brown as president of the Nelson Branch. He has chosen James R. Pickles and George A. Holmes as his counsellors.

On December 3rd the Burnley Relief Society sponsored a sale of work. In the evening a dancing display entertained some 200 people who attended. About £20 were raised. This is a great display of effort as there are only five enrolled members.

A large sign, bearing the name of the Church, was recently placed over the remodelled Burnley chapel.

## LONDON DISTRICT Reported by Jean Silsbury

Oxford Branch M.I.A. held a party on October 7th where there were dancing, games and other exciting features.

Branches in this district have been working hard to reach their targets in the welfare plan. Oxford has canned thirty-eight "No. 10's" of apple sauce under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan. In Catford a novel auction and dart tournament raised £2:10:0 These efforts were under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Wood.

Among other activities in Brighton are reported two gatherings held by the M.I.A. A 50/50 dance was given on October 26th with Elder Toone as master of ceremonies and a fireworks display and bonfire was held on November 5th.

The "Ravenslea Revellers" of the South London Branch presented their second show, "Something to Sing About," on November 4th and 5th. Once more the audience thoroughly enjoyed the two hours of entertainment. Dick Sansom directed the production. In connection with this show the South London Relief Society held a sale of work and presented two large quilts to the welfare programme. The South London M.I.A. has also been working hard of late. On Saturday, December 10th, the small recreation hall was packed for their Christmas dance. While dancing to the music of Bickerstaff, Mead and Beckingham, a

very festive spirit prevailed. On December 16th eighty-five sat down to a three-course dinner. The occasion was the annual M-Men and Gleaner banquet, prepared under the direction of Gleaner Leader Sister Loraine Moss. After this fine meal there was a short programme with Elder V. Meacham as toastmaster.

### **MANCHESTER DISTRICT** Reported by George A. Taylor

At the Rochdale Baths and in the presence of 87 people, six persons were baptised and were confirmed members of the Church. An inspiring service was held, highlighted by a talk given by President Dale of the Rochdale Branch. Also at Rochdale on the 5th of November a bonfire party was enjoyed by a large number of Saints and friends who were treated to potato pie. On December 3rd a film show was given at the branch and on December 11th President Boyer visited there and took part in an inspiring service. The Gleaner choir at Stockport sang four numbers at the Hyde P.S.A. and were given a hearty welcome with a promise of a future invitation. President Gardner was able to expound the Gospel to many.

Winter Carnival, December 3rd!! What a night! Streamers, crackers, snow balloons and plenty of things to eat! Such was this enjoyable night in Stockport. It is also noted here that the Sunday School in Stockport has been reorganised and is now held at 2.30 p.m.

Oldham did its winter digging on October 29th when the Elders and Saints turned over the ground at the chapel. The Relief Society served a piping hot meal which was appreciated by the exhausted workers. More work like this is wanted to keep a reputation for having beautiful places of worship.

Blackpool illuminations winked especially bright for the Bury Branch when they went on their coach trip. A birthday party attended by 28 Primary children was given by Sister Waring in honour of her daughter, Judith. A bazaar and social was held on December 3rd.

A Christmas banquet was held at the Denton chapel on Saturday, December 10th, and the Relief Society sisters are to be congratulated for such a magnificent spread.

The branch conference held last month was attended by 47 people and talks were given by President Craig, Elders Green and Hall and District President Gardner. Vocal selections by the male quartette and the Gleaner Girl choir were enjoyed.

At the home of Sister Jarrett, the Hyde M.I.A. held a social and potato pie supper. The supper was provided by the Gleaner Girls. Music from Dennis Grimshaw and games conducted by Barbara Donaldson made up the remainder of the programme.

The Manchester District takes this opportunity of wishing all the British Mission and all the missionaries and friends wherever they may be a very happy and prosperous New Year.

### **NEWCASTLE DISTRICT** Reported by Evelyn Young

On behalf of the members of the district may I say to everyone, sincerest Yuletide greetings. And now for an overflow of news.

Darlington Branch held a Relief Society social on October 19th. Highlight of the evening was a play given by Mrs. M. Taylor, Elders H. M. Dougal and D. L. Waterworth. Games, quizzes and refreshments were further attractions. The same branch sponsored a Halloween party on October 31st.

On September 18th Branch President John H. Gray was released from office with a sincere vote of thanks and Elder T. V. Thomas, Junr., was sustained in his place.

Twenty-three Beehive Girls and friends of Carlisle Branch attended a successful social on September 29th. Beekeeper Joyce H. Tiffen and President Thomas conducted the programme.

On November 2nd members of the Newcastle City Branch attended the Majestic Theatre, Benwell, to see Miss Audrey Mealy, president of the Y.W. M.I.A., take the part of "Nan" in the West End Operatic Society's production of the musical comedy "The Country Girl." On the stage Miss Mealy really lived the part of "Nan," singing, dancing, flirting and scheming. Her wonderful performance captivated the hearts of the audience. At the final performance she was presented with several beautiful bouquets to-

gether with other presents. We are certainly proud of you, Audrey!

The first Relief Society Christmas bazaar of Newcastle City Branch was held on November 30th under the direction of Mrs. Esther B. Ions and her counsellors. A good display of articles was arranged and though purchases were somewhat few proceeds were surprisingly high.

A Sunday School convention was held at West Hartlepool Branch on October 29th. Brother Smith of the Mission Board was in attendance. District Sunday School assistant, Miss Joyce Tiffen, conducted both services. Speakers included Alex M. Morris, Joseph L. Fisher, District President F. W. Oates and Brother Smith. Officers and teachers appreciated the wonderful advice and instruction received throughout these meetings.

On November 27th in Sunderland chapel a public meeting was held which was attended by approximately 150 people. Principal speakers were: President Alma Sonne, President Selvoy J. Boyer, Mrs. Leone Sonne, Mrs. Gladys Boyer and Elder Dickson. The meeting was conducted by President F. W. Oates and musical items were rendered by Elder H. M. Dougal and the Sunderland Beehive Girls' choir.

The members and friends of the Beehive Branch gathered together in a farewell social in honour of Supervising Elder Reed A. Benson on November 16th. The social was conducted by District President F. W. Oates. Games were played under the direction of Misses G. Quayle and S. Boylen. Refreshments were served by the Relief Society. Elder Benson was presented with a canteen of cutlery from the branch as a token of love and appreciation. There were 82 in attendance.

### **NORWICH DISTRICT**

**Reported by Brenda Billings**

There was a Halloween party on November 4th in Norwich. A hall was hired for the occasion. A large group came down from Lowestoft. Most people wore misfit costumes and prizes were given for the most original. Games and refreshments completed a very sociable evening.

On December 2nd a Primary social was held in the Norwich Branch to



raise funds for the children's Christmas party. Everybody enjoyed the games and

musical numbers which were on the programme.

On October 2nd William Arthur Daniels was ordained a deacon by Branch President Leslie Coleby in Lowestoft. The Relief Society's annual bazaar for the Lowestoft Branch was held on Wednesday, November 16th. Conducted by Sister May Blowers, there was a programme of songs and recitations. Father Christmas was in attendance. Proceeds went into the welfare fund.

On Sunday, November 2nd, Elder W. H. Daniels was sustained as second assistant in the Lowestoft Branch Sunday School and Sister Marian Coleby as organist. Sister Christine Coleby was sustained as Primary Mother. Elder W. R. Palfreyman has been sustained as branch president of Lowestoft, succeeding Leslie Coleby on December 4th.

On the 25th of November a Thanksgiving dinner was given for the missionaries of the district. President and Sister Boyer attended the spirited get-together.

### **NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT**

**Reported by Eva Collard**

Following the baptismal service on December 17th, a social was held at the Bath Street Schools in Nottingham for all members of the Nottingham District. President and Sister Selvoy J. Boyer were honoured guests. There were in attendance 130 members and friends. A very enjoyable programme was presented after which refreshments were served by the Relief Society sisters.

A farewell social was held by the Leicester Branch on November 26th in honour of Elder and Sister Harold Brough, who have now returned to their home in Wyoming. Sister Brough was a member of the Leicester Branch twenty-seven years ago, and came back with her husband on a six months' mission.

A very good attendance with a fine representation from all branches was had at the District Union meeting held in Nottingham on December 3rd.

A special investigators' meeting was held at Ilkeston on Sunday evening, December 4th. It was conducted by Elders Keith M. Tibbitts and Earl S. Jones, with District President M. Russ Ballard as the special speaker for the evening.

With the passing of Sister Charlotte Orme, the Nottingham District and Derby Branch lost one of their finest and most faithful Saints. Funeral services were held December 6th.

The Hucknall Branch held a most successful Vanity Fair on December 11th. Under the direction of President Wright, games were conducted and by means of concessions and a hot-dog stand eight pounds were raised. Hucknall Branch is to be complimented on the fine accomplishments made this past month.

A social was held at Eastwood Branch on December 11th. The money raised at this social was put into the building fund.

#### **SCOTTISH DISTRICT** Reported by Margaret Yardley

The Aberdeen M.I.A. held an outstanding Halloween party on October 27th. There were 47 people in attendance.

A farewell party in honour of Sisters Beth Swainston and Betty Houston was held in the Edinburgh Branch last month. Sister Swainston has been transferred to London to complete her mission and Sister Houston has emigrated to Canada where she will join her husband. Both were presented with sweaters as parting gifts. We wish to extend our best wishes for their future happiness.

Fireside meetings have recently been inaugurated and are held every Saturday with great success. Banshees and witches guided us through a "ghost alley" when we were initiated into the witches' circle at the Halloween party on November 5th in Edinburgh. All those in attendance enjoyed the unique party.

The "winter season" investigators' meetings are in full swing in the Airdrie Branch. A good attendance is

reported and a great interest is being shown.

October 26th marked the calendar for the Airdrie M.I.A. Halloween party. The hall was very effectively decorated for the occasion. Some of the members came in fancy dress and everyone had a grand evening.

On the 13th of November the Dundee Branch was moved to 47 Coupar Angus Road in the Lockee District of the City of Dundee. The meetings are held in the ballroom of the Lansdown House.

On November 15th the M.I.A. convened in the new meeting place. Elders D. Willden and Earl Grigor are the Y.M.M.I.A. officers, and May Paterson, Rose Anderson and Maria Seeley are the Y.W.M.I.A. officers. Everyone is pushing ahead to make this year's activities successful.

#### **SHEFFIELD DISTRICT** Reported by Arvilla Smith

A bring-and-buy sale opened by Sister Gladys Boyer was held in the Sheffield Latter-day Saint chapel on November 19th. All district Relief Societies directed by Mary Laycock put forth a fine effort to make the affair successful. Proceeds were divided for Relief Society funds. The Sheffield Branch conference was attended by President and Sister Boyer and conducted by President George W. Laycock on November 20th. Following Union Meeting on November 26th an M.I.A. Harvest Hall was held with Billy Pardin and his band supplying the music. The affair was planned and directed by the Sheffield M.I.A. supervisors.

November 24th, Thanksgiving Day, was celebrated by the missionaries in the Sheffield chapel. Relief Society sisters served dinner. After a table tennis tournament they played basketball at the Shirecliff Hall.

Sunday School programme was conducted on Sunday evening, December 4th, in the Sheffield chapel by Superintendent John Beattie. On December 10th a Christmas party was arranged for the Sunday School children, highlighted by a visit from Father Christmas. Further Christmas festivities were carried on as the M.I.A. party for the district was held in the Sheffield chapel on December 17th. The exchange of Christmas presents was quite a novelty at the affair.

An outstanding Sunday School party was held on December 3rd in the Doncaster Branch. Tea was provided for 60 members and friends. All children received a regard book, sweets and an apple. Cyril John Bishop, Sunday School Superintendent, supervised the gathering.

The Barnsley Branch M.I.A. held their autumn social on November 12th in their hall. Also at Barnsley a con-joint Relief Society programme with the Leeds District was held on November 13th under the direction of Doris Crossland. The Barnsley Branch held a Sunday School social on December 3rd to raise funds for the children's Christmas party.

The Sheffield District M.I.A. held their Halloween Party on October 22nd in the Sheffield chapel under the direction of the M.I.A. supervisor.

## WELSH DISTRICT

The auxiliary groups in the Welsh District have been very active during the Christmas season. The most recent special programme was a Relief Society bazaar held in Pontypool on the 22nd of December.

Brother Thomas R. Jenkins was advanced to the office of an Elder. We wish him well in this calling.

The elders of the Welsh District once again enjoyed the attendance of President Selvoy J. Boyer at their monthly missionary meeting held on December 15th.

The district is looking ahead to great things in the coming year and hope that as we embark upon 1950 that faith in God will increase with men.

## Personals

### BAPTISMS

Name	Baptised by	Confirmed by
<b>HULL DISTRICT</b>		
Jacqueline Beales of Hull	Elder D. E. Hipwell	Elder D. N. Phelps
<b>LEEDS DISTRICT</b>		
November 26th		
Irene P. Buckley of Bradford	Elder E. E. Edwards	Elder J. E. Hook
Albert Buckley of Bradford	Elder E. E. Edwards	Elder Grant Bethers
<b>LONDON DISTRICT</b>		
November 13th		
Beryl May Piesing of Brighton	Elder M. Barclay	Elder J. Toone
Annabelle Piesing of Brighton	Elder J. Toone	Elder M. Barclay
Audrey Chapman of Brighton	Elder J. Toone	Elder M. Barclay
December 17th		
Ruth Palmer	V. Palmer	V. Palmer
William Y. Weir of Brighton	Elder F. Johansen	Elder G. T. Choules
Ken Day of Brighton	Elder J. Toone	Elder F. Johansen
November 19th		
Gladys M. Hammond of S. Lond.	Elder E. Gardner	Elder V. Meacham
November 26th		
Florence Streeter of S. London	Elder D. Duncan	Elder Q. McKay
<b>MANCHESTER DISTRICT</b>		
December 2nd		
Rachel D. Jarrett of Rochdale	Elder Wm. Thornton	Elder C. G. Quinney
Irene Wardle of Rochdale	Elder Wm. Thornton	Elder B. D. Gardner
Marion Jarrett of Rochdale	Elder Wm. Thornton	Britton Beverly
Florence J. P. Glassey of R'dale	Elder G. M. Brantzeg	Elder C. G. Quinney
Maureen Warburton of Bury	Elder D. Stewart	Elder J. D. Wells
Joan Ormston	Harry Withington	Elder Wm. Thornton

Name	Baptised by	Confirmed by
<b>NEWCASTLE DISTRICT</b>		
December 10th		
Allan R. Morris of Sunderland	Alex M. Morris	Elder B. K. Storey
Jean P. Griffiths of Sunderland	Elder M. A. Derbyshire	Elder V. E. Gilbert
William R. Ions of Sunderland	Elder B. K. Storey	Pres. F. W. Oates
<b>NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT</b>		
October 8th		
Violeta Elsie Hannan	Pres. M. R. Ballard	Elder M. Graves
John Philip Hall	Pres. M. R. Ballard	Elder F. O. Hall
October 29th		
Geoffry Wheatley	Elder K. E. Tibbitts	Elder E. S. Jones
Edna Peet Wheatley	Elder K. E. Tibbitts	Elder L. Campbell
Robert Glendenning Bunting	Elder J. H. Gilbert	Pres. S. J. Boyer
Sylvia Baker	Elder K. E. Tibbitts	Elder D. Thacker
John Peter Aldred	Elder M. R. Graves	Pres. W. O. Chipping
Bernice Ann Brown	Elder H. Hollingsworth	Pres. M. R. Ballard
Wilmot Alice Bunting	Pres. M. R. Ballard	Pres. S. J. Boyer
December 10th		
Arthur G. Clothier of Leicester	Elder S. J. Nebeker	Elder M. R. Ballard
Phyllis E. Clothier of Leicester	Elder S. J. Nebeker	Elder K. Noall
Marlene A. Clothier of L'cester	Elder S. J. Nebeker	Elder O. D. Lowder
Sheila M. Bardell	Elder L. Campbell	Elder W. G. Astin
December 17th		
Arthur Buckberry	Elder E. S. Jones	Elder M. R. Ballard
Beatrice M. F. Buckberry	Elder E. S. Jones	Elder K. E. Tibbitts
Christine M. Tinson	Elder E. S. Jones	Elder J. K. Seastrand
John Anthony Ryan	Elder M. R. Graves	Elder N. Craven
December 20th		
Mr. Alldred	Elder M. R. Graves	Elder J. K. Seastrand
Mrs. Alldred	Elder M. R. Graves	Elder N. Craven
<b>SCOTTISH DISTRICT</b>		
October 12th		
James Miller of Aberdeen	Elder C. D. Atkinson	Elder D. S. Gray
November 30th		
Maria W. Seelay of Dundee	Elder D. Willden	Elder D. E. Bean
November 20th		
Jessie H. Ferguson of Airdrie	Elder K. H. Anderson	Elder D. E. Bean
Sarah Martin of Airdrie	Elder K. H. Anderson	Elder D. E. Bean
December 11th		
Walter Hunter of Airdrie	Elder K. H. Anderson	Elder D. E. Bean
<b>NORWICH DISTRICT</b>		
December 4th		
Mr. Russell Gowing of Norwich	Elder N. V. King	Elder N. V. King
Mrs. Russell Gowing of Norwich	Elder N. V. King	Elder Jackson
<b>SHEFFIELD DISTRICT</b>		
December 17th		
Ronald D. Witts of Doncaster	Elder J. N. Udall	Elder S. C. Schofield
Marie A. Card of Doncaster	E. D. Card	Elder V. Jensen
Barry Steton of Doncaster	Elder T. W. Brammer	Elder J. N. Udall
Frank Ernest Witts	Elder G. O. Condie	Elder G. O. Condie
David A. Fox	Elder G. O. Condie	Elder C. T. Bradbury
Ruth Fox	Elder G. O. Condie	Elder D. F. Darley
Doris M. Thompson	Elder G. O. Condie	Elder D. E. Gledhill
Albert D. Thompson of D'caster	Elder G. O. Condie	Elder J. A. Knight

## BIRTHS

**WATLING.** — On November 6th Sydney Walter Watling was blessed by Elder Donald Kirkham in Norwich.

**WILSON.**—Rhona, Ian and Sheena, children of Mr. and Mrs. David Wilson, were blessed by Elders, Jackson, Aldous and Mann, respectively, in the Norwich Branch on December 4th.

**BRODIE.**—Joycelyn Brodie, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Brodie of Swalwell, was blessed on November 6th by Elder B. K. Storey in the Newcastle City Branch.

## DEATHS

**BREADON.**—Mr. Breadon, friend of the Church in Sheffield Branch, passed away on December 5th and was buried December 10th at the General Cemetery. The Church officiated.

**STAPLEFORD.** — Vivian Stapleford of the Eastwood Branch passed away October 14th. She was buried in Nottingham on October 18th. President M. Russ Ballard officiated at the services.

**DANCE.**—Mr. Edwin Dance died at Bromsberrow Heath at the age of 74. Mr. Dance has been a member of the Church for 21 years. Funeral services were held on November 12th, 1949. Elders Stewart and Jackson conducted

the services and Elder Jackson dedicated the grave.

**ORME.** — Charlotte Orme of the Derby Branch passed away on December 3rd. Funeral services were held on December 6th at the Derby Cemetery.

## EMIGRATIONS

**EDWARDS.**—On October 5th Elizabeth Edwards and her daughter, Helen, emigrated to Sand Springs, Oklahoma. They were both members of the Aberdeen Branch.

**FINDLEY.**—Ina Findley emigrated to Mesa, Arizona, from the Aberdeen Branch on the 5th of October.

**HENRY.** — Mary Henry emigrated from Aberdeen to her new home in Australia.

**DAY.** — Phyllis Day and her two children left Cambridge for Canada on the 25th of October.

**MUSGROVE.**—On the 4th of October James Musgrove and his wife and son emigrated to Alberta, Canada, from Cambridge.

**HAMMOND.**—Mr. Frank Hammond and his son, Robert, sailed on the "Queen Mary" on December 10th bound for Kaysville, Utah. His family hopes to join him in a short time.

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sorry, Horace," he faltered. Horace reached over and patted his hand.

The old man's gaze fell upon each of the children in turn; each child remembered in shame an unkind word or deed, and vowed to try to make good his mistakes. As the children spoke a soft smile came over the face of the old man. "Why children," he said, "my bag feels so much lighter already and I don't feel nearly so sad or old as I did."

The old man turned and stood in an

attitude of listening. Hastily he looked at his watch, then picking up his bag he flung it across his shoulders. "Cheerio," he called. "Be good to my little brother. He should be coming around the corner right now."

And suddenly the air was full of ringing bells and voices shouting, "Here comes the New Year!"

Adapted from  
"Learning, Loving, Living"

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ANSWER TO "RIDDLE":

A SLIVER.



## THE LAW OF TITHING

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There is no reminder sent out on the first of the month, or at any other time, if he does not settle his account with the Lord in full. No collector calls directing one's attention to any unpaid balance, or to insist on payment. The Lord does not threaten to turn the account over to an attorney to collect or bring suit for non-payment. The only annoyances to which the disobedient is subjected are the persistent goadings and proddings of his own conscience—and even these may be quieted through the opiate of prolonged

disobedience.

The full payment of tithing is voluntary obedience to this divine law. Conversely, the non-payment of tithing, or the payment of only a part tithing, is voluntary disobedience.

Where one is given the law, and is free to exercise his choice between obedience and disobedience, there is the real test of his faith in the sovereignty of God, in the justice of His laws, and in His promises to those who obey His will. There also is the designation of full responsibility for his choice between obedience and disobedience.

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## A HOUSE?—OR A HOME?

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4. Chop hard boiled egg with pickle; moisten with mayonnaise and season with salt and pepper.
5. Mix peanut butter with ground raisins or dates.

6. Spread peanut butter on one slice of bread and jam on the other slice of sandwich.

7. Grate carrots finely; mix with nuts and mayonnaise.
8. Mix chopped cooked chicken with celery, nuts, and mayonnaise.

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## CHURCH IN EUROPE

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**CZECH MISSION HEAD REPORTS ACTIVITIES.** — President Wallace F. Toronto recently reported that they have had fifty baptisms already this year and expects over sixty by the end of the year. This indicates the way in which the missionaries are searching out the honest in heart. Last year there were less than one-half this number. At the opening of the Relief Society season in Pilsen over 100 were in attendance. Relief Societies are also functioning in Brno and Prague. The work in Czechoslovakia continues to bear fruit. There are approximately

twenty missionaries now labouring in this land.

### BERLIN CHAPEL PROGRESSING.

—Word recently received from President Walter Stover of the East-German Mission indicates that the new chapel being erected in Berlin will be completed at an early date. The walls are up to the eaves and if weather conditions permit the roof will soon be in place and the interior will be finished in early Spring. Soon after that, with the landscaping in order and the announcements out, the chapel, Berlin's first, will be ready for dedication. All eyes of members and friends in Berlin are following closely the day-by-day progress.

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## CORRECTION

Mrs. Isabell Fraser of Edinburgh, Scotland, took 2nd place in the *Millennial Star* Christmas Story Contest. This fact was incorrectly recorded in the *December Star*.

ing characteristic, although perhaps it was only my fancy after all. But to me he rarely spoke without conveying this sense of sadness—this melancholy that comes of one's own dim and dumb historic past.

At all events it was rare enough to be unusual. And now he has written a book entitled "What of the Mormons?" No doubt many of you will have seen it, even though I should say it was intended primarily for those to whom the word of Mormon means only marriage a'plenty. I do not have the book by me now, or I should have been

pleased to quote the passage from the man that most represents the boy.

I do know, however, that he would be pleased to learn now that, so far as I am concerned personally, others of his race and kind have taken up the work where he left off. And so let us just hope that, whatever is to happen to my soul, they may establish a bond, a link that shall be good and strong for another fourteen years.

"What of the Mormons" did you say? Why, the answer is simple of course. We just mean those ambassadors of "real grace and intelligence" who wander the world over and are apt to knock at one's own front door at any moment, just as they did mine.

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## *Is there a "Millennial Star" in every Home in your Branch?*

THE answer to this question in most cases would be no. In many instances the reason for this is simply that encouragement has been lacking. Many homes would be glad to receive the *Millennial Star* if they were given the opportunity to hear of its value to the individual and the family. Personal encouragement is needed for any degree of success. This responsibility must rest with the members of the branches themselves.

To start off the new year right a special subscription contest is being held during the months of January and February. To the branch agent and the missionary who sells the most subscriptions during the next two months there will be given a copy of the book, "Brigham Young," and their picture will appear in the *Star* in acknowledgement of their efforts. Second place winners will receive a copy of the book entitled, "Century of Mormonism in Great Britain."

The details of the contest are as follows:

1. The contest ends February 28th.
2. There will be two contests—one for the branch agents and one for the missionaries.
3. For each year's subscription sold, one point will be credited; for a six months' subscription,  $\frac{1}{2}$  point will be given; etc.

Branch members! Get behind your branch agents and missionaries. They need your support. If you know someone that does not have the *Star* in their home, see that the agent or missionary is informed. Every Latter-day Saint home in Great Britain should have the mission magazine as a must in the literature in the home. And don't forget the many investigators. The *Star* will aid them in an understanding of the Church and its workings, providing an up-to-date measure of what is being done.

## *By thoughts come deeds*

THE GOSPEL is wonderful. It teaches mankind to acknowledge himself base and yet at the same time requires him to aspire to things pertaining to God. If things were not thus balanced, either such exaltation would inflate him with pride or such debasement would drive him to despair.—George Q. Cannon

ALL THE DUTIES of religion are eminently solemn venerable in the eyes of children. But none will so strongly prove the sincerity of the parent; none so powerfully awaken the reverence of the child; none so happily recommend the instruction he receives, as family devotions, particularly those in which petitions for the children occupy a distinguished place.—T. Dwight

EXAMPLE is more forceful than precept. People look at my six days in the week to see what I mean on the seventh.—Cecil

MAN IS THE ARTICIFER of his own happiness. Let him beware how he complains of the disposition of circumstances, for it is his own disposition he blames. If this is sour, or that rough, or the other steep, let him think if it be not his work. If his looks curdle all hearts, let him not complain of a sour reception; if he hobble in his gait, let him not grumble at the roughness of the way; if he is weak in the knees, let him not call the hill steep. This was the pith of the inscription on the wall of the Swedish inn: "You will find at Tochte excellent bread, meat and wine, provided you bring them with you."—Thoreau

## *And on the lighter side*

### WHAT A COMEBACK !

Boss: "Brown, that's quite an old fashioned coat you are wearing in the office."

Brown: "Yes, I admit it's a bit out of date. I bought it with the last raise I got."

### BEST OF INTENTIONS

Every year college deans pop the routine questions to the undergraduates: "Why did you come to college?"

Last autumn one co-ed unexpectedly confided: "I came to be went with—but I ain't yet."

### NO NIGHT MOURNING

Junior: "Mom, when people are in mourning do they wear black pyjamas and black nightgowns?"

Mom: "Of course not. What made you think they do?"

Junior: "Well, don't they feel just as sad at night as they do in the daytime?"

### HOSPITABLE SON

Dad (giving Billy a lecture): "Now when I was your size Billy, I didn't have a big house like this to live in and I didn't have pretty clothes like yours to wear. Why I had to go to bed without my supper sometimes because there wasn't any."

Billy: "Gee, Daddy, aint-cha glad you're living with us now."

## THE NEW HEAVEN

**M**EN are striving to overcome self and selfishness. They want a larger, higher life. They want some nobler purpose for which to live, some grander reality as the goal of existence.

Even the hope of a future life is not sufficient. Common sense teaches us that heaven can be no larger for us than our capacity. The splendour of the celestial realm would be lost on our undeveloped souls.

The present world exceeds our powers of appreciation and comprehension. It contains beauties we cannot apprehend, harmonies undiscovered, colours unseen, music unheard and joys unrealised.

We have not sounded the depths of love, measured the heights of faith, nor reached the circumference of knowledge. Wonders unknown lie beneath our feet; grandeur and mystery overshadow us; the spiritual realm, peopled with God and His angels, encircles us, yet how incapable are we to respond to this environment.

What we need to make heaven a reality is not transportation to some pale star beyond the Milky Way, but enlargement of mind and heart, quickening of soul and spirit—increased capacity to apprehend and enjoy the wonderful world in which we live

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